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NOME SUBDISTRICT BEACH SEINE USE EXTENDED ONE WEEK

The pink salmon escapement goal in Nome Subdistrict has been reached and to increase the efficiency of the subsistence harvest the department will allow the use of beach seines during the scheduled subsistence gillnet fishing periods through July 21.

The subsistence gillnet fishing schedule in the Nome Subdistrict marine waters is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Saturday and in the fresh water subsistence areas is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from Thursday 6 p.m. until Saturday 6 p.m. During the gillnet openings beach seining is allowed. Also, pink salmon subsistence catch limits have been waived.

Gillnets up to 300 feet in length are allowed in marine waters. In the fresh water subsistence areas, gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. No more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets. When subsistence fishing in fresh water areas fishermen need to check the back of their Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit for areas open to subsistence fishing.

Subsistence hook and line fishing is open at all times. Sport fish bag limits apply when subsistence fishing with hook and line outside of Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas and all chum salmon must be immediately released in the water when fishing in the Nome Subdistrict outside of the subsistence areas listed on the back of the permit. No snagging is allowed anywhere in fresh waters.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound this season.

North River: 330 kings, 1,000 chums, 50,000 pinks
Unalakleet River: 160 kings, 27,000 chums, 300,000 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 600 kings, 19,000 chums, 200,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 800 kings, 18,000 chums, 40,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 4,000 chums, 200,000 pinks
Niukluk River: 9,000 chums, 90,000 pinks
Eldorado River: 6,000 chums, 22,000 pinks
Nome River: 400 chums, 20,000 pinks
Snake River: 100 chums, 1,000 pinks
Glacial Lake: 600 sockeyes
Pilgrim River: 3,500 chums, 9,000 pinks, 2,300 sockeyes

Good Luck and Good Fishing!